Lord Northcliffe, cabling home on 8ist September, 1917, the results of an interview with Colonel House about the situation, said:

welcomes Reading

"House told me in the course of an interview of one and a half hours that the financial situation would eventually be eased by the coming of Reading and his experts.

There is gratification also in Government circles here at the quality of the experts sent by us to aid their Air Department, which is the object of great interest to both Government and people. , . .

House was most emphatic that we should arrange British representation here so as to avoid all risk of friction by strengthening either the Embassy or Mission.

I recommended him to talk the matter over with Reading, which he will probably do. He will be in New York all the winter and I expect to see him constantly.

Tireless work being done by Reading* under heavy handicaps. I had to see McAdoo and Crosby in Washington about the trouble which has cropped up between news-papers of America and Canada about their raw material supplies. U.S.A. journals declare that they are being overcharged by Canada in contradiction of the spirit of U.S.A. which is making one price for materials, whether for America or the

Good effects of his Mission

Allies.

Reading's advice and assistance cordially acknowledged by both men but Crosby complains that by obtaining $50,000,000 for purchase of Canadian wheat Reading has made a breach of their funda-